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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT CONCERNING
SITUATION IN ZAIRE, CIRCULATED TO UN MISSIONS BY ANGOLAN
MISSION, MARCH 22:

QUOTE

INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES HAVE AUTHORISED EXTENSIVE
REPORTS CONCERNING THE PRESENT SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE
REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, PARTICULARLY IN THE PROVINCE OF SHABAH.
ACCORDING TO THESE SAME AGENCIES, THE SITUATION HAS ALLEGEDLY
INTENSIFIED TO THE POINT OF PROMPTING CERTAIN WESTERN POWERS,
SUCH AS THE U.S.A., FRANCE AND BELGIUM, TO RESPOND FAVOURABLY
TO THE CALL FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
KINSHASA.

ACCORDINGLY, REFERRING TO STATEMENTS MADE BY A SPOKESMAN FOR
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REPORTEDLY
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HAS ALREADY SENT WAR MATERIAL, FUEL, DIVERSE EQUIPMENT, FOOD AND
MEDICINES, WHILE AN AIR BRIDGE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE AND
THE UNITED STATES IS BEING PLANNED. CERTAIN FOREIGN INFORMATION
AGENCIES HAVE SIMILARLY REPORTED THAT TWO LARGE C-130-TYPE
AIRCRAFTS DEPARTED FROM BELGIUM LAST NIGHT LOADED WITH ARMS,
AND THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING TO SEND WAR
MATERIAL, REPORTEDLY AIRCRAFT AND PARTS FOR AIRPLANES

AND ARMOR.

UPON CONFIRMING THESE REPORTS, EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT THESE COUNTRIES ARE PREPARING TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE SETTING UP OF A NEW VIETNAM IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, DIRECTLY IN THE HEART OF AFRICA.

NO ONE IS UNAWARE OF THE CATASTROPHIC ECONOMIC SITUATION IN WHICH ZAIRE FINDS ITSELF. OVERLAPPING THE ECONOMIC CHAOS RESULTING FROM UNMITIGATED CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION BY THE LARGE FOREIGN MONOPOLIES, THERE IS POLITICAL INSTABILITY, EVIDENCED BY CONSTANT MINISTERIAL CHANGES, AND THE CONSEQUENT MISERY OF THE POPULATION. IN A COUNTRY AS EXTREMELY RICH AS ZAIRE, THE PER CAPITA INCOME IS ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD. THE LACK OF COMBATIVITY SHOWN BY THE ZAIREIAN ARMY WHEN CONFRONTED BY THE INSURRECTIONARIES IS THEREFORE NOT SURPRISING.

REPORTS FROM THE CAPITAL OF ZAIRE REFER TO WIDESPREAD DEMORALIZATION IN THE CORE OF THE ELITE BATTALIONS DEPLOYED FROM KINSHASA, THE LAWFUL CONSEQUENCE OF THE LACK OF MORALE IN AN ARMY THAT IS POORLY FED AND POORLY PAID.

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA SOLEMNLY REAFFIRMS THAT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE PROVINCE OF SHABAH, WHICH BORDERS ON OUR COUNTRY, NOR IN OTHER PROVINCES IN ZAIRE WHERE THERE SIMILARLY EXIST FOCAL POINTS OF RESISTANCE TO THE REGIME OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO.

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THE REPORTS SPREAD BY ZAIREIAN LEADERS, ALLEGING THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN SOLDIERS AMONG THE ZAIREIAN INSURRECTIONARY FORCES, ARE NOTHING MORE THAN PURE FABRICATION DESIGNED TO PROVOKE AN ESCALATION OF THE WAR AND TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS TO INTERVENE MORE DIRECTLY IN THE REPRESSION OF THE POPULATION OF ZAIRE, WHICH IS OPPOSED TO THE DICTATORIAL POWER OF KINSHASA.

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA WILL NOT SEND ARMS NOR TROOPS. WHAT IS NOW OCCURRING IN THE PROVINCE OF SHABAH AND IN OTHER PROVINCES IS THE RESULT OF THE GENERAL DISCONTENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE.

IT IS A MATTER OF AN INTERNAL REBELLION, BORDERING ON THE NORTH-EASTERN FRONTIER OF ANGOLA, WHICH THE KINSHASA AUTHORITIES ARE ATTEMPTING, BY ANY MEANS, TO BUILD INTO AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT REGIME.

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA REAFFIRMS ITS DESIRE
TO SEE THAT THE FOREIGN POWERS WHICH THE ZAIREIAN GOVERNMENT
HAS CALLED ON FOR AID DO NOT INTERFERE IN AN AFFAIR THAT
PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE, AND HOPES, THEREFORE,
THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT GOOD SENSE ON THE PART OF THESE
POWERS SO THAT THE SITUATION OF THE CONTINENT WILL NOT BE
ALTERED AS A RESULT OF THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF A SINGLE
AFRICAN NATION.

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